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Page 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE FRED and KATHLEEN STARK, a ORIGINAL married couple, Plaintiffs, No. CV06-1719 JLR vs. THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS, FOOTBALL NORTHWEST, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, FIRST & GOAL, INC., a Washington) corporation, THE WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC STADIUM AUTHORITY, a Washington municipal corporation, and LORRAINE HINE, in her capacity as chair of the Washington State Public Stadium Authority board of directors, Defendants. Deposition Upon Oral Examination Of KATHLEEN J. STARK 1:15 p.m. April 26, 2007 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 3200 Seattle, Washington REPORTED BY: Keri A. Aspelund, RPR, CCR No. 2661

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1	Q. If you look at paragraph 3, Mrs. Stark, it's
2	on page 2, does that refresh your recollection as to
3	when the first time that you were pat down at a
4	Seattle Seahawks game?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Do you recall pat-downs occurring before
7	August 2005 at Qwest Field?
8	A. No, I don't.
9	Q. And you don't have any reason to disagree
10	with the testimony of your husband that it was August
11	22nd, 2005?
12	A. That's correct.
13	Q. Turning back to Exhibit-51. At the time you
14	purchased your playoff tickets for the 2005 season,
15	you were aware of the pat-down policy at Qwest Field,
16	is that correct?
17	MR. WION: Object to the form.
18	A. Well, yes.
19	Q. Is it correct that you handle that the
20	season tickets are in your name, Mrs. Stark?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. And so you handle the renewal of season
23	tickets each year?
24	A. Right.
25	Q. And the purchase of playoff game tickets?

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1	Q. And you renewed your season tickets for the
2	2006 season?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And at the time you renewed your season
5	tickets for the 2006 season, you were aware of the
6	pat-down policy for Seattle Seahawks games at Qwest
7	Field, correct?
8	A. Correct.
9	(Exhibit-53 marked.)
10	Q. I'm going to hand you what has been marked
11	as Exhibit-53, and take a moment to look at the
12	document, and then please tell me
13	A. I okay.
14	Q whether you recognize that document?
15	A. Yeah, well, they look so much alike.
16	I was looking at this one thinking it was
17	2007, but now I see that I have the 2007 here, okay,
18	yes.
19	Q. And what is this document?
20	A. It's the invoice for the 2007 season
21	tickets.
22	Q. And did you renew your season tickets for
23	2007?
24	A. Yes, I did.
25	Q. Do you recall when you renewed your season



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1	A. I think to volunteer for something is to
2	step forward on your own initiative and volunteer to
3	do something.
4	Q. I didn't ask what volunteering is, Mrs.
5	Stark, I asked what the term "voluntary" means.
6	A. Voluntary.
7	MR. WION: Same objection.
8	A. Voluntary. That's kind of hair splitting.
9	Again, it's something you are willing to do
10	on your own volition.
11	Q. Do you attend is your attendance at
12	Seattle Seahawks games voluntary?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. No one makes you go to the Seattle Seahawks
15	games, do they?
16	A. (Shakes head.) No. Sorry.
17	Q. And you're aware that pat-downs are a
18	requirement to enter Qwest Field, correct?
19	A. Correct.
20	Q. And you are willing to go through the
21	pat-downs because you want to attend Seattle Seahawks
22	games, is that correct?
23	MR. WION: Object to the form.
24	A. That is correct.
25	Q. And you're aware that you have the right to

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Page 35 not attend Seahawks games, correct? 2 Correct. Α. 3 0. And by not attending a Seattle Seahawks game, you would not have to be pat down, correct, by 5 Seattle Seahawks security people? 6 Α. Correct. Do you have an understanding of what the Ο. 8 term "consent" means? 9 MR. WION: Object to the form. 10 Α. It means to agree to something. 11 When you're at a good place, it MR. WION: 12 might be about time for a break. It's been about an 13 hour. 14 Oh, it has, you're right. MR. AINSWORTH: 15 Just let me ask a couple questions. 16 MR. WION: Sure. 17 MR. AINSWORTH: I'm a slow thinker, so I 18 have to apologize. 19 Actually, let's go ahead and take a break 20 now. 21 (Brief recess.) 22 Mrs. Stark, I believe I asked you whether in 23 2007 you discussed with your husband whether to renew 24 your season tickets for 2007; did you have any 25 discussions with your husband in 2006 as to whether to

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1	be pat down as a requirement to enter the stadium?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And no one has ever threatened you to cause
4	you to agree to be pat down to attend a Seahawks game?
5	A. Pardon me?
6	Q. No one has ever threatened you in order to
7	get you to consent to attend I'm sorry, strike
8	that.
9	No one has ever threatened you in order to
10	get you to agree to the pat-down in order to attend a
11	Seahawks game?
12	A. Well, the threat is that you're not allowed
13	to enter the stadium.
14	Q. So, the consequence of not agreeing is you
15	cannot enter the stadium, is that right?
16	A. That's the way I understand it.
17	Q. But no one has threatened you with physical
18	force in order to get you to consent or agree?
19	A. That's correct.
20	Q. Have any police officers ever instructed you
21	that you must consent?
22	A. No.
23	Q. Why did you decide in November 2006 to file
24	this lawsuit against the Seattle Seahawks, FGI, the
25	Public Stadium Authority, and Lorraine Hine?

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1	Q. I'm asking you for your understanding of
2	what your ticket terms mean. Your lawyer will argue
3	with me later about the legality of that, but I am
4	asking you for your understanding.
5	MR. WION: I think she,'s answered that. Do
6	you have another question that you're posing?
7	Q. I don't think she did answer it, so let me
8	restate it again.
9	My question is, do you understand that by
10	tendering your ticket and entering Qwest Field, you
11	consented to the searches and waived any claims
12	against the NFL, the Seattle Seahawks, and First &
13	Goal?
14	MR. WION: Objection, compound, among other
15	objections, also calls for a legal conclusion about a
16	document she's read for the first time right here in
17	this room.
18	MR. AINSWORTH: Counselor, can you stop the
19	long speaking objections. I think objection to form
20	is all that is needed in this district.
21	MR. WION: I think those objections are
22	appropriate, and I think she's answered your question.
23	MR. AINSWORTH: I don't think she has. If
24	you want, we can have the court reporter read it back.
25	MR. DUNBAR: I think there have been some

Page 57 1 kind of lengthy objections here, Chris, respectfully, 2 and I think at a certain point it's just quicker to 3 get an answer and move on. MR. WION: I'm happy to do that. I've 5 attempted to have short, brief objections that are 6 appropriate, and we continue to have what appear to be 7 the same question or a minor modification of the same 8 question to which I have the same objections, but 9 apparently they're not improving the quality of the 10 question, so I'm attempting to provide you with the 11 information you might need to ask a question that is 12 not objectionable. 13 MR. DUNBAR: You're not instructing the 14 witness to not to respond, correct? 15 MR. WION: I am not doing that. I have not 16 done that. 17 MR. DUNBAR: I think at a certain point it 18 might be appropriate to say same objection, and then 19 allow the witness to respond, and we'll finish a 2.0 little sooner this afternoon. 21 MR. WION: John, I did do that a number of 22 times, it did not appear to be effective, so I felt it 23 was appropriate to provide a slightly fuller 24 explanation of the objection. 25 MR. DUNBAR: Okay.

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1	MR. WION: I think
2	MR. DUNBAR: You've done that now, so let's
3	just move on.
4	MR. WION: I understand.
5	MR. DUNBAR: I hear you. Let's just move
6	on.
7	MR. WION: I'm happy to move on.
8	MR. AINSWORTH: All right, could you read
9	back my question, because I'm sure Mrs. Stark has long
10	since forgotten what it was.
11	(Reporter read back as follows:
12	"My question is, do you understand
13	that by tendering your ticket and
14	entering Qwest Field, you consented to
15	the searches and waived any claims
16	against the NFL, the Seattle Seahawks,
17	and First & Goal?")
18	MR. WION: Same objections.
19	A. Yes.
20	MR. AINSWORTH: If you can give me a couple
21	minutes to go through my notes, and then I'll be ready
22	pass on to John.
23	MR. WION: Sure.
24	(Brief recess.)
25	Q. Mrs. Stark, have you had any communications

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5	the laws of the State of Washington that I have read
6	my within deposition, and the same is true and
7	accurate, same and except for changes and/or
8	corrections, if any, as indicated by me on the CHANGE
9	SHEET flyleaf page hereof. Signed in,
10	WA, on theday of, 2007.
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16	Taken: April 26, 2007
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         testify truthfully; that the transcript of the
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         deposition is a full, true, and correct transcript;
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         that I am neither attorney for, nor a relative or
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         employee of, any of the parties to the action or any
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